

Science

The theme for this half term is 'Everyday Materials'. We will be identifying and describing a variety of materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal, and rock. We will carry out simple comparative tests to help us group them using their properties.

PE:

The PE focus for this half term is 'gymnastics'. The children will explore basic gymnastic actions such as balancing, rolling and jumping. They will create short sequences with a start and end position.

PE Days:

Emerald: Wednesday
Garnet: Thursday

RE

In RE the children will be answering the question 'Who is important to me?' Children will find out about the leader/founder of different religions and observe some of the qualities a leader needs.

Year 1 – Spring 1

What do we know about our world?

This half-term, we are thrilled to launch our new topic: "What Do We Know About Our World?" Together, we'll embark on an exciting journey, exploring different cultures and countries from across the globe.

In Literacy, we will dive into a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Our adventure begins in Kenya with *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain*, followed by discovering the lives of children around the world through Moira Butterfield's *Welcome to Our World*. Along the way, we'll develop factual writing skills and bring stories to life through drama.

In Geography, our focus will be on naming and locating the seven continents and five oceans. We will also learn about the four countries of the United Kingdom, their capital cities, and surrounding seas.

In PSHE, we will explore the concept of citizenship. The children will discuss why rules matter, what happens when they are not followed, and how we can care for others—including animals. We'll also look at similarities and differences between people and have a brief introduction to democracy.

Wider Curriculum

Health and Wellbeing:

Go Noodle brain breaks
5 a day exercise

Enrichment:

'Toys and Puppets Around the World' workshop at the Horniman Museum – 3rd February 2026

Maths

This half-term we will be solving addition and subtraction on a number line. We will be finding the total number of blocks using multiplication. We will also divide by sharing objects equally between 3 people and double 2-digit multiples of 10.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about your child's progress. The year group email is

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